

# **Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 1 Tachwedd 2011**

## **Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 1 November 2011**

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***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Busnes, Menter, Technoleg a Gwyddoniaeth  
To ask the Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science***

**Eluned Parrott (Canol De Cymru):** Ar gyfer pob un o'r tair blynedd nesaf, faint o arian ar gyfer POWIS oedd i'w gyllido gan (a) Llywodraeth Cymru a (b) Cronfeydd Strwythurol Ewropeaidd. (WAQ58203)

**Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** For each of the next three years, how much money for POWIS was due to be funded by (a) the Welsh Government and (b) European Structural Funds. (WAQ58203)

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**The Minister for Business, Enterprise, Technology and Science (Edwina Hart):** The £11m scheme Prince of Wales Innovation Scholarship (POWIS) scheme was awarded £5m of EU funds through the Welsh European Funding Office, part of the Welsh Government. The remaining £6m of match funding was to be met by the University of Wales and participant businesses. Prior to the Welsh Government's decision to scale back EU funds and bring the project to an early closure due to project management and governance shortcomings, initial EU funding commitments for the next three years were as follows:

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Initial EU funding commitments (£m)</b>
2012	1.33
2013	1.08
2014	0.63

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau  
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills***

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Yn sgil yr Adolygiad o Gymwysterau a gyhoeddwyd yn ddiweddar, a wnaiff y Gweinidog ymhelaethu ar ddatganiad y Dirprwy Weinidog i'r Pwyllgor Plant a Phobl Ifanc ar 19eg Hydref bod y gyllideb ar gyfer Bagloriaeth Cymru yn caniatáu ar gyfer ehangu pellach wedi'i gynllunio. (WAQ58201)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** In light of the recently-announced Qualifications Review, will the Minister expand on the Deputy Minister's statement to the Children and Young People Committee on 19th October that the budget for the Welsh Baccalaureate "allows for further planned expansion." (WAQ58201)

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**The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews):** The Review of Qualifications will not overturn decisions that have already been announced about expansion of the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification. In January 2011, I announced the final phase of the funded roll-out of the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification at Foundation level across the 14-19 phase and at Intermediate level in Key Stage 4. In September this year, 59 centres started delivery of the Welsh Baccalaureate at these levels for

the first time. In September 2012 these new centres will enter their second year of delivery and will introduce a new cohort of learners to the Welsh Baccaulaureate.

In addition, several centres that were approved to commence the Welsh Baccaulaureate in previous years did so with the intention to expand their provision after their first year of delivery.

Our budget for the Welsh Baccaulaureate Qualification includes provision of pump priming funding for centres, to help establish the qualification. This funding is based on the number of learners following Welsh Baccaulaureate Qualification courses and is available to centres for the first 3 years of delivery of the Welsh Baccaulaureate Qualification.

The budget allows for the continued provision of the pump priming funding to centres over the academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** Pa amserlenni y mae'r Gweinidog wedi'u gosod ar gyfer ei ddadansoddiad o'r materion cyflenwad a galw presennol mewn addysgu iaith Gymraeg. (WAQ58204)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** What timescales has the Minister applied to his analysis of the current supply and demand issues within Welsh-language teaching. (WAQ58204)

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**Leighton Andrews:** One of the aims of the Welsh-medium Education Strategy is to develop planning for a Welsh-medium education workforce that provides sufficient numbers of practitioners for all phases of education and training. The Strategy sets out the Welsh Government's intention to develop workforce planning for Welsh-medium and Welsh-language practitioners in all sectors based on analysis of supply and demand. The timescale for this work, as outlined in the Welsh-medium Education Strategy, is that planning of the work will commence in 2012, with initial implementation commencing in 2015.

In addition the new Welsh in Education Strategic Plans will include the expectation that local authorities will ensure the sufficiency of Welsh-medium school places to meet parental demand. They are currently being completed by local authorities for the first time, and are due for submission to my Department by 15 December 2011.

Analysis of these plans and of the Twenty-first Century Schools capital programme applications should enable a more comprehensive picture of the demand throughout Wales for Welsh-medium provision. This information will also assist in planning of the Welsh-medium and Welsh-language workforce for all practitioners.

**Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog bennu'r holl gyllidebau a oedd yn bodoli o'r blaen sydd wedi cael eu trosglwyddo i'r Gyllideb Safonau Addysg ar gyfer 2012-13. (WAQ58213)

**Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister specify all of the "previously existing budgets" that have been transferred into the Education Standards Budget for 2012-13. (WAQ58213)

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**Leighton Andrews:** The Education Standards Action within the Department of Education and Skills Main Expenditure Group (MEG) consists of the School Effectiveness Grant Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) of £37.573m and the School Standards Support BEL of £2.279m providing a total budget of £39.852m in 2012-13.

The School Standards Support BEL includes the former School Performance Improvement BEL (£0.737m), the Other School Inspections BEL (£0.01m) and the School Effectiveness BEL (£1.532m) providing a total budget of £2.279m.

The School Effectiveness Grant BEL has a budget of £37.573m in 2012-13. A reconciliation of the BEL from the figure published in the June 2011 Supplementary Budget to the figure published in the recent Draft Budget is set out in the table below.

The School Uniform Grant and School Governor Activities will continue to be supported but for administrative purposes will fall within the School Effectiveness Grant BEL, as will the £7m ring-fenced for numeracy.

<b>BEL</b>	<b>Amount (£000's)</b>
School Effectiveness Grant (per June 2011 Supplementary)	21,549
School Uniform Grant	770
School Governor Activities	702
Literacy & Numeracy (formerly Basic Skills)	7,000
<b>Plus savings identified from the following budgets:</b>	
14-19 Learning Pathways	3,368
Support for Improving Standards	348
Qualifications	1,736
FE Policy Development	100
Strategic Communications	1,000
Education Research & Services	1,000
<b>School Effectiveness Grant (per 2012-13 Draft Budget)</b>	<b>37,573</b>

***Gofyn i Weinidog yr Amgylchedd a Datblygu Cynaliadwy***  
***To ask the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development***

**Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru):** Yn dilyn ei ateb i WAQ57733, a wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi ble yng nghyllideb Llywodraeth Cymru y mae'r refeniw hwn wedi'i restru. (WAQ58214)

**Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales):** Further to his reply to WAQ57733, will the Minister identify where in the Welsh Government's budget this revenue is listed. (WAQ58214)

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**The Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development (John Griffiths):** The income received by the Forestry Commission from wind farm developments is managed as part of the in year budget process and is detailed in the relevant Supplementary Budget.

***Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol***  
***To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

**Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed):** Faint o gyllid a ddyrennir ac a gedwir yn y gyllideb iechyd ar gyfer defnydd a ragwelir yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf ar gyfer pwysau ar gyllidebau byrddau iechyd lleol. (WAQ58202)

**Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** How much finding is allocated and held in the health budget for anticipated use during the coming financial year for pressures on local health boards' budgets. (WAQ58202)

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**The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths):** Budget allocations for the coming year to the Health Boards will be made in full. Health Boards will be held accountable to achieve financial balance within the resources they have been allocated. As is normal practice close monitoring of all budgets held within the HSSC Department will take place throughout the year, with any identified efficiencies or slippage in one area being used to address pressures in other areas.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu ei strategaeth i ddelio â swyddi gwag meddygon yng Nghymru. (WAQ58205)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister outline her strategy to deal with vacant doctor posts in Wales. (WAQ58205)

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r camau y mae hi'n eu cymryd i wneud Cymru yn lle mwy deniadol i weithio i feddygon. (WAQ58206)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** Will the Minister outline the steps she is taking to make Wales a more attractive place to work for doctors. (WAQ58206)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** It is important for us to attract doctors into Wales so the NHS is able to provide the best services possible.

It is for NHS organisations to determine the number and skills of staff needed to ensure services can be delivered safely. Similarly it is a matter for the Deanery to ensure the quality and availability of training is appropriate to deliver the doctors we require both now and in the future.

We continue to work with and support the NHS Organisations, the Wales Postgraduate Deanery and the BMA to show that Wales is an attractive place to live and work for doctors and are continuing to build on previous work at a local and national level including:

- the development of a recruitment brand "Wales the Smart Choice" (web site, careers literature, etc);
- representing and promoting Wales through attendance at recruitment events e.g. BMA London Event;
- focussing on accommodation standards and access to library and internet facilities for junior medical staff;

In addition, during the coming months I and my officials will be working with the NHS and other organisations to formulate a campaign highlighting the exciting opportunities which exist in Wales, both clinically and socially. This will include the challenges facing the NHS and the wider public sector and how we are working collaboratively to address these challenges. On a social basis we will be looking to capitalise on the rich variety of culture, landscape scenery and opportunity which exists for people to explore and enjoy the environment in which they live.

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Ar gyfer pob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf, faint o swyddi gwag meddygon a fu yng Nghymru. (WAQ58207)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** For each of the last five years how many vacant doctor posts have there been in Wales. (WAQ58207)

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Faint o swyddi gwag meddygon sydd yng Nghymru ar hyn o bryd. (WAQ58208)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** How many vacant doctor posts are there currently in Wales. (WAQ58208)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** Information on GP vacancy rates is available from a survey conducted by the NHS Information Centre for the years 2005-2010. 2010 was the last year of data as this survey has been suspended as part of the fundamental review of data collections in England.

The survey did not cover all GP practices, but for those included, information on the total vacancy rate and the rate of vacancies lasting for 3 months or more can be found in the following links:

The 2010 survey report covers 2008, 2009 and 2010 survey results:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/workforce/nhs-and-gp-vacancies/gp-practice-vacancies-survey-2010>

The 2008 survey report is the source for 2005 to 2007:

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/workforce/nhs-and-gp-vacancies/gp-practice-vacancies-survey-2008>

Information on the full-time equivalent numbers of vacancies lasting for more than 3 months for doctors working in the hospital and community health services is shown below:

Hospital and community medical and dental staff - 3 month vacancies at 31 March each year

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Consultants	119.3	102.3	59.5	37.0	25.8	39.2	45.1
Other doctors and dentists	43.0	48.3	11.0	13.0	85.0	80.5	12.0

Source: Welsh Government NHS Vacancies Survey.

Notes:

1. Cardiff and Vale Local Health Board reported no vacancies for March 2011.
2. Vacancies are reported as full-time equivalent

**Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd):** Pryd y mae'r Gweinidog yn credu y bydd pob swydd wag meddyg yng Nghymru yn cael ei llenwi. (WAQ58209)

**Darren Millar (Clwyd West):** When does the Minister believe all vacant doctor posts in Wales will be filled. (WAQ58209)

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**Lesley Griffiths:** There is a UK wide shortage of doctors in some specialties, including emergency medicine, and Wales is not immune to that. It is important for NHS organisations to design the delivery of services in the most effective way which takes into account the numbers and skills of available staff.

It would be unrealistic to predict when all vacant doctor posts in Wales will be filled, as there can be a number of unforeseen circumstances which may result in vacancies becoming available at different times. However, I expect all NHS organisations to review their staffing levels on a regular basis and for them to ensure vacancies are filled as quickly as possible.

*Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Tai, Adfywio a Threftadaeth*  
*To ask the Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage*

**Lynne Neagle (Tor-faen):** Pa bwerau sydd gan y Gweinidog i ymyrryd os yw o'r farn nad yw landlord cymdeithasol cofrestredig yn gweithredu er budd ei denantiaid. (WAQ58210)

**Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** What powers does the Minister have to intervene if he judges that a registered social landlord is not acting in the interests of his tenants. (WAQ58210)

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**The Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage (Huw Lewis):** Welsh Ministers have set standards of performance to be met by registered social landlords for their functions relating to the provision of housing, governance, and financial management. The failure to meet the standards, which are "delivery outcomes", is one of the grounds on which new regulatory and enforcement powers can be used. The powers are in the Housing Act 1996, as amended by the new Housing Measure.

The delivery outcomes reflect the Welsh Government's commitment to citizen-centred principles of governance and better services for people who use them.

It is anticipated that the powers will rarely need to be used, as the Welsh Government's regulation approach is to resolve any concerns on a voluntary basis. The new Regulatory Framework is based on self assessment by the registered social landlords and full regulatory assessment by the Regulation team, who are in regular contact with all registered social landlords throughout the year. However, the enforcement powers should provide reassurance to tenants and a further safeguard to their interests and to those of other service users. By way of examples, the powers include the ability to appoint an interim manager, to commission additional inspections to obtain evidence, to impose a financial penalty, and to issue an enforcement notice which requires action to be taken to address a problem within a specified timescale.

**Lynne Neagle (Tor-faen):** Sut mae'r Gweinidog yn bwriadu sicrhau bod landlordiaid cymdeithasol cofrestredig yn wirioneddol atebol i bobl leol. (WAQ58211)

**Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** How does the Minister intend to ensure that registered social landlords are genuinely accountable to local people. (WAQ58211)

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**Huw Lewis:** The Welsh Government has developed a new regulatory framework for registered social landlords as they are more commonly known. The framework was developed in partnership with housing associations and their representative body, Community Housing Cymru, and tenants and their representative organisations, such as, Welsh Tenant Federation and Tenant Participation Advisory Service.

A new Regulatory Board for Wales was established in summer 2010. The main purpose of the Board is to hold the Welsh Government's Housing Regulation Team to account for its work, to oversee the implementation of the new regulatory framework, and to advise me on the performance of the housing association sector as a whole. The Board provides me with an annual report

Tenants and other service users are at the heart of the new framework. In line with this, a new Tenants Advisory Panel was established in summer 2010 to support the Regulatory Board. The membership of the Panel consists of fifteen tenants of Registered Social Landlords, broadly representative of tenants across the four regions of Wales.

Members of the Panel seek the views of other tenants within their own and other networks in order to bring significant issues affecting tenants to the attention of the Regulatory Board and the Regulation Team.

The regulatory framework helps to ensure that registered social landlords are accountable to local people in the following ways:

- Clear expectations through national standards called delivery outcomes. These focus on outcomes, are meaningful for tenants and housing associations, without being prescriptive about how those outcomes should be achieved. Local agreements on delivery outcomes between tenants and housing associations will shape local services and priorities and drive improvement.
- Clear responsibility of the Boards of housing associations for meeting the delivery outcomes. This includes robust self-assessment that is evidence based, and subject to tenant scrutiny and challenge of performance.
- Financial viability judgements and full housing association regulatory assessments produced by the Welsh Government's Housing Regulation Team, which report on governance, finance and service delivery. The judgements will be published so that they are accessible to tenants and other stakeholders.